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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Freak industries are increasing in Lagrange, Ind. For some time there has been a skunk farm in that vicinity, and now another enterprising gentleman of that city is about to start an opossum farm.

The "hello" girls have almost double the usual amount of work to do on rainy days. Then the telephone is used to cancel engagements or transact business which in fine weather would be personally attended to.

A huge crane in the Baldwin Locomotive Works has a span of 153 feet. In three and a-half minutes it can lift a 196,000-pound locomotive 40 feet in the air, carry it to a distance of 336 feet, and put it down without jarring it.

It is asserted by a French novelist that if the world should become birdless, it would be uninhabitable by man in nine years. Before the expiration of that time the bugs and slugs would have devoured all the orchards and crops.

In ancient times the Spartans so detested inebriety that it was their custom to occasionally induce slaves to drink until they became intoxicated, and then arouse general contempt for their condition by exhibiting them in public places.

In Asiatic Turkey there is a body of religionists who call themselves Yezidees, or devil worshippers. Believing that Satan is destined to be restored to heaven, they wish to keep on good terms with him, as they may need his friendly offices.

An excellent plan to shut off long-winded orators has been adopted by a tribe in central Africa. In public debates every speaker is compelled to stand on one leg while he is talking, and he must bring his address to a close when he has become too tired to thus stand.

A daring youth of 19 lately married a bride of 15, in Wellington, Kan. To give him adequate courage for the deed, or to show the spectators that he was not afraid, he sauntered up to the clergyman with a cigarette in his mouth, which he was vigorously puffing.

A stage-struck young lady wrote to Mrs. Kendal, asking her to name the qualifications essential for an actress. This is the reply she received: "You must be a marvel of patience, have the figure of a Greek statue, the temper of an angel (that is very necessary), the face of a goddess, and the skin of a rhinoceros."

Total blindness had afflicted Emanuel Montel, of Newark, N. J., for sixteen years. During a recent illness which confined him to his bed, he drew his fingers across his head to ease the pain in his head, and was delightfully surprised at being able to see his hand. A few moments later he distinctly saw his wife. Since then his sight has daily improved and is now thoroughly restored.

A new use for a mouse has been discovered by Mrs. Annie Mathers, of Cannonsburg, Pa. A long illness resulted in the loss of her voice; she could not speak above a faint whisper. One evening, while she was all alone, a mouse scampered across the kitchen and came alarmingly close to her feet. Mrs. Mathers screamed, and her tones could have been heard a quarter of a mile away. Since then her voice has been fully restored.

HISTORY.

The first church in Boston, a thatched log structure, was erected in 1632 on State street, just south of the Old State House, on the site of Brazer's building.

Copp's Hill, the crest of the North End, in 1632 sustained the windmill for grinding corn, and in 1775 the British battery which destroyed Charlestown stood there. The burial ground dates from 1459 and is a peaceful spot overlooking the Charles River and containing the tombs of the noted Mather family, the Eliots, Grays, Lincolns, Snellings, Sigournays and others. Some of them bear the marks of the British musket balls when this was a garrison target field.

It is a little less than sixty-two years since Queen Victoria soon after her coronation, first took up her residence at Buckingham Palace a mansion which was built in 1825, at a cost of \$1,000,000. The palace stands on the site of a quaint old residence, built in 1703, by the Duke of Buckingham, and purchased in 1751 by George III., who settled it on his queen Charlotte. From then till now the house has remained the London residence of the sovereign. From it five royal weddings have taken place, the last being that of the Duke and Duchess of York. Thirty-seven years ago the Prince and Princess of Wales were married at the Chapel Royal, Windsor, in the presence of the queen, who was then attired in widow's weeds. So popular was the wedding among the classes that the lord mayor and citizens of London presented to the royal bride a diamond necklace valued at \$50,000.

It was in the Franklin House, New York, in October, 1789, that General Washington wrote at the request of Congress, the first Thanksgiving proclamation, setting apart a Thursday in November. It was in the Franklin House, also, that the President read before a Cabinet meeting the letter from Louis XVI., written on receiving a copy of the Constitution sent him in the name of the nation. "France shall hereafter be governed by its principles," wrote the afterwards so unfortunate king, promising what his ancestors had taken from him the part to perform. Washington lived but ten months in the Franklin House, and to make room for improvements the house was afterwards demolished in 1856, its site which is near that to the publishing house of Harper & Bros., being marked by a bronze tablet sunk in the pier of the Brooklyn bridge.

The length of boot tops in the time of George III. was regulated by rank. Buckskin was the original material material used for princes and persons of distinction, but leather made of the skin of the ox was afterward used for that purpose. King Richard the Lion Hearted had his boots stamped with gold. John Lackland wore boots spotted with gold circles. Sir Walter Raleigh wore shoes studded with diamonds, which are said to have cost \$400,000. Cardinal Woolsey's shoes were

Of gold and stones precious, Costing many a thousand pound. Rights, and lefts were invented in 1800. The coronation shoes of William IV. were of white kid, lined with rose-colored pink kid and silk. The toes were flat and square and the heels were low. The fronts of the shoes were ornamented with jewelled rosettes.

CURIOUS FACTS.

Two decades ago the South produced annually, but six million tons of bituminous coal. That product has now passed the forty million mark, and of the forty seven thousand square miles of coal fields in the South only about one thousand are under development.

Second only to the French are the Chinese when it comes to culinary skill, and with simple materials they will contrive to put together a meal which would shame an ordinary American cook. In peasant families the wife or daughter does the cooking, but in all large establishments the cooks are invariably men.

Thirty-five years ago the only streets in Bangkok were canals, now there are forty-seven miles of streets and many new bridges. The King builds a new steel bridge every year out of his private funds and presents it to the city with much ceremony on his birthday.

Impeachment does not mean conviction any more than indictment does. Andrew Johnson was impeached by the House of Representatives on March 3, 1868, the trial of the impeachment began on March 5, the Senate sitting as a court under the presidency of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The trial lasted, with intervals—the session beginning at 1 P. M., each day—until May 26, when the President was acquitted and the Senate, sitting as a court, adjourned.

Ex-Representative Springer tells a curious story. He says that a Creek Indian from Indian Territory, who was a member of the Rough Riders, enlisted in the regular army at the close of the Spanish War, and was sent to the Philippine Islands. While campaigning with his regiment in the southern part of the archipelago he found a tribe of Malays whose dialect was almost the same as the aboriginal language of the Creek nation. He could understand them and they could understand him without difficulty, and he was able to act as interpreter for his officers with a tribe he had never heard of before.

Land in Cuba is not measured by the acre. A planter buys a "cabalaria" of land, not an acre. When it is said that a cabalaria of land is in the form of a circle, it will be seen at once that there is unlimited room for dispute. These circles overlap each other, and chunks are left out, and the result of a land transaction is bewildering.

Plant a cauliflower plant in Cuba and instead of spreading out in a big fat head like a cabbage, it spindles up for all the world like a sunflower, three or four feet high, with big, rank leaves and a little flower at the top that you never could recognize as a cauliflower.

Sixteen ounces of gold are sufficient to gild a wire that would encircle the earth.

At the Strozzi Palace, in Rome, there is a book made of marble, the leaves being of marvelous thinness.

The "cigar bean" of Batavia is a wild fruit recently discovered in Batavia. The pod is like a cigar in shape and color, but only an inch long, and when put into water it rests on the surface for several minutes, then explodes like a torpedo, hurling the seeds in all directions. If allowed to ripen in a warm place the pod gradually splits lengthwise from point to base.

GHIPS.

A good way to tell when a man is old, is when he holds you by the coat and throws a lot of advice at you. You may then make up your mind that he is losing his grip and his vitality is waning.

There is a thing that has to be found yet, and that is something that some one will not find fault with.

There are two things that any live man can get for nothing, advice and pity, but the advertised abuse of a live man is worth more money to him.

It is no trouble for some men to become good preachers, it is constitutional with them.

Some people become so indolent from laziness, that when it rains they will not come indoors out of the wet. Those fellows in Washington, are looked upon by the Superintendent of Police, Sylvester as harmless.

We have lots of people in this city who spend so much time believing that they are sick, that they become so, such is the effect of mind over matter. The best prescription for that class, would be to compel them to work to keep them on the move, or send them down on the farm for six months, and make them work or shave them. That would be physic which would cure our indolent street corner loafers.

We often hear people say "I will never borrow or lend." The man or woman is not born that has not borrowed. "Thank heaven for that loan it saved me from a pinch," how many good honest fellows have often said that. I do not want to be under the coat of the fellow that never borrows or loans to a friend. That man or woman can not be a good father or mother who boasts I never borrow or lend.

The man who borrows should always be careful to pay the time he promises to. He should not wait to be asked for the trifle he owes, he should just step up on time and pay the cash, with his compliments. Such as that makes one glad to be able to help our friends. The other gives us the chills and closes our pockets often to the good and needy.

Some give the definition of love as the passion of the heart that time makes no impression on or change in.

Some fellows have asked us "what is best for newly married people to do, to listen to your wife or do as you please." Well listen to your wife and do as you think best, until you get thoroughly acquainted, then you will know just the amount of coin you have.

It is a good thing to watch both of them. All men work, or do, for self interest, or self love. It is good judgment to watch the man or woman, who do things without expecting payment in some way.

After you catch a good idea, just hold on to it, and put it down, if you do not you will require lots more space to get it in.

The human heart is very much of a mystery. There have been many explorers, who have been trying to explore it. Yet there are many parts of it that have never been discovered.

No matter how honest you are it does not make an honest man feel comfortable to be suspected of doing wrong.

Local.

TRUE AS STEEL.

Genial, jovial and jolly—oft given to folly,
Of an innocent nature, I vow,
Just to make you feel happy, happy, thrice happy,
Is the mission of William R. Nau.

A few things I know—I know them well,
Yet I oft trip 'twixt thee and thou,
But never as yet have I made a mistake
In my estimate of William R. Nau.

I'm not given to "gush"—to inordinate slush,
Nor shall I slop over—I trow,
But I'm happy to feel that a man true as steel
Bears the name of William R. Nau.

Nine hundred and seven may not point to heaven,
But narrow's the Seventh street way—
Where you'll find Billy Nau and his excellent frau,
Making happy the people all the day.
Wash., D. C., May 27, 1900.

Mr. J. M. Klein has been prevailed upon by many disappointed travelers in stock to devote his time and attention specially to trading on share of profits. He is now prepared to handle accounts in this manner. His success has been marvelous.

The 20th Century Dining and Dairy Lunch at 628 Pennsylvania avenue, northwest, opened as we advertised. The establishment is in every way what we claimed it would be; moderate in prices and hand some in fitting, with one of the best and most popular managers Mr. William Krause, of Richmond, Va., a name well known in all parts of the southland. He being a prominent Shriner, much of his time was devoted to the welfare and well being of his fellow craftsmen, they having taken their departure he will be on hand hereafter attending to the wishes of the patrons of the 20th Century Dining and Dairy Lunch Room.

Progressive in all things is good. Therefore it is well to know progressive people and to keep in the line. To do this we ask the readers of THE HATCHET when ordering a suit of clothes, to try The Progressive Tailors. A trial order will convince that their name is well earned. They will make a spring suit of clothes, all wool, to your measure, a perfect fit, guaranteed, for \$12.00. Call on them at 319 Pennsylvania ave., N. W.

Cordially, all are invited to partake of the good things at Mr. J. J. Murphy's dispensary, 350 Pennsylvania avenue, northwest, near 4 1/2 street. Abundance of wet goods are always kept in stock. The prices are popular and the brands are all of the best on the market.

A good dentist is well to know and Dr. L. P. Farrelly, of 2002 14th street, northwest, is one of the best surgeon dentists in Washington.

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The crab feasts gotten up by Mr. Wm. R. Nau, at 907 7th street, N. W., are praised by all those who have attended them. Lovers of properly prepared crabs should go there and partake of them.

Fritz Roessler of 483 C Street, Northwest, is very popular, he just knows how to tickle the palates of his numerous customers, and provides for them the very best, which makes them talk, and when they do it, it is all about Fritz and the excellent beer, wine and liquors that he dispenses.

Wm. M. Drury's Restaurant, 20th and L streets is the best place in the northwest to get cool beverages during the heated spell.

George Nesline, 635 L street, N. W., near 7th street, is selling a fine beer for 75 cts. per case of 24 bottles, delivered in any part of the city.

Our readers will do well to note the advertisement of the Perpetual Building Association in another column. Those wishing to make and save money, with small means, can not do better than invest their savings with them. The Association is conducted on the most approved business principles, its officers and members are composed of our most solid and careful business men, and you can at any time withdraw from it, which is a privilege not permitted by any other association in Washington.

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